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The South Florida Education Center (SFEC) was organized by 50 citizens in 1961 to design, create, and demonstrate a quality of education, from early childhood through graduate study, which will become a prototype for Broward County, the State, and the Nation. This prototype will exhibit a pattern of education which will place the major emphasis of learning within the areas of communications, mathematics, and science. The role of the arts, humanities, social and natural sciences, and physical training will be directly related to scientific studies.

The elementary school, high school, and junior college at the Center are supported with public funds. The university will be privately endowed. The elementary school is scheduled to open in 1966; it has over 3,000 applications for admission and a capacity of 750 students. Nova High School opened in September 1963 and has an enrollment of 2,000 students. In its first year of operation, it was cited as a school of the month and it was featured on a television show for the excellence of its program and school facilities. The Junior College of Broward County is recognized as one of the leading junior colleges in the nation in both its college parallel and technological programs. The junior college has an enrollment of 3,200 students. The university will be technically oriented. It is planned as a graduate institution during its initial stages; it will broaden its program to include an undergraduate division by 1970, which will provide the connecting link between the junior college, the high school, and the university.

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The ultimate objective is to create an educational complex which will provide a continuum of education of unparalleled excellence from kindergarten through graduate school, oriented toward the advanced scientific and technological world in which we live.

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# The South Florida Education Center

THE South Florida Education Center, (SFEC) was organized in 1961 under the leadership of Dr. Joe B. Rushing, first president of the center and later President of the Junior College of Broward County which is an integral part of the center, "to design, create and demonstrate a quality of education from early childrood through graduate study which will become a prototype for Broward County, the state and nation. This prototype will exhibit a pattern of education which will place the major emphasis for learning within the area of communications, mathematics and science. The role of the arts, humanities, social and natural sciences and physical training will not be minimized but will be directly related to scientific studies."

In 1962 the 50 individuals associated with the center, comprising a representative group of leading citizens in Broward County, incor-

porated the SFEC as a foundation. In the past few years, this foundation has been the moving force in the acquisition of the former Forman Naval Air Field, a 550 acre tract of land in suburban Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In the ensuing years, NOVA High school and the Junior College of Broward County have been constructed on Forman Field and ground-breaking is scheduled in the spring of 1965 for NOVA elementary school and the first building of the NOVA University of Advanced Technology.

The elementary school, high school and junior college at the Center are supported with public funds. The university, on the other hand, will be privately endowed.

The SFEC executive committee headed by James Farquhar, a prominent local citizen and nationally known cattleman who has devoted himself to this project, serves as the board of trustees for the university.

NOVA High opened its doors in September, 1963 and presently has an enrollment of 2,000 students. In its first year of operation, it was cited as "School of the Month" by the Nation's Schools magazine and in January, 1965 it was featured on the National Broadcasting Company's Today Show, for the excellence of its program and school facilities.

The Junior College of Broward County moved into its new buildings at the Center in 1963 and is already recognized as one of the leading junior colleges in the nation in both its college parallel and technological programs.

A state-owned institution, the college is held in trusteeship by the Broward County Board of Public Instruction. Its present enrollment is 3,200 students.

The elementary school, scheduled to open in 1966 with a student capacity of 750, already has over 3,000 applications for admission.

To date, the Ford Foundation has made grants of over $500,000 to NOVA for planning and developing its secondary and elementary school program.

The university, which will be technologically oriented, is scheduled to admit its first student body in 1967. Planned as a graduate institution during its initial stages, the university will broaden its program to include an undergraduate division by 1970 which will provide the connecting link between the junior college, the NOVA high school and the university.

Ultimate enrollment of the university is projected at about 1,500 students with 1,000 in its graduate division and approximately 400-500 undergraduates.

NOVA university already numbers among its 10 member advisory board such distinguished educators as Dr. Paul F. Brandwein, director of the Pinchot Institute and vice-president of Harcourt, Brace & World; Dr. Richard G. Folsom, president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Dr. J. Hans D. Jensen, Nobel laureate in physics for Alt Heidelberg Universitat in Germany; Dr. James R. Killian, Jr., chairman of the board at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Dr. Athelstan

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The South Florida Education Center is a living example of the creative force the 50 dedicated and influential citizens who form together the SFEC, Inc. can exert in the formation and development of an educational program of national significance.

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